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In re application of:

BALU, Palani et al.

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Erythropoietin (EPO) Receptor, and  
Associated Methods of Synthesis and  
Use

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**AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application, and is timely filed by May 21, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.